

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 20, which starts with “As depicted in FIGURE 5” with the following amended paragraph:

As depicted in FIGURE 5, and as described in further detail below, the CDS 308 comprises one or more CDS entries 308a, each of which entries preferably comprises seven fields, namely, a CATEGORY_ID field (also referred to as a unique category identifier) 500, a FIELD_TYPE field 502, an INHERIT field 504, a DEFAULT_VALUE field 506, a FLAGS field 508, a ~~CATEGORY_PEERS~~ CATEGORY_PEERS field 510, and an APPLICATION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION field 512. The fields 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, and 512 are preferably related to each other via pointers, well known in the art, but may also be related via any of a number of different well known techniques, such as rows and columns of a conventional database, and the like. The CDS entry 308a may optionally be configured without the INHERIT field 504, the DEFAULT_VALUE field 506, and/or the APPLICATION-SPECIFIC INFORMATION field 512.